

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 303
By Graves

A RESOLUTION to honor Jerry Wayne Smith, 1997 valedictorian
of Beech High School.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly honor those individuals who
through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their
academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Wayne Smith is one such outstanding student who has distinguished
himself as valedictorian of the 1997 graduating class at Beech High School; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during
examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Jerry Wayne Smith has achieved
extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee
and our nation; and

WHEREAS, because of his exemplary academic achievements, Jerry Wayne Smith has
been the recipient of numerous scholarships, including the McWherter Scholarship, the
Bicentennial Scholarship, the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association
Valedictorian Scholarship, the Homer Jackson Scholarship in Chemical Engineering and the
Sam Walton Scholarship, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith has won several academic awards, including Silver Medal Winner
and Magna Cum Laude of the National Latin Exam; and

WHEREAS, he was also a member of the Beta Club and the National Honor Society;
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WHEREAS, Jerry Wayne Smith was an esteemed member of the Beech High School tennis team, which placed first in All-District competition; and

WHEREAS, Jerry's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Wayne's noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for his parents, Sandra and Gean Smith, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Jerry's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor Jerry Wayne Smith, 1997 valedictorian of Beech High School, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.